

Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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Clarification on the July 16 Application/Agreement Renewal Process Deadline

The deadline for **ALL** sponsors (LEAs, Charters, RCCIs, NonPublics, Special Milk sponsors) to complete the annual agreement/application renewal process for the 2012-13 school year is **Monday, July 16, 2012**.

That includes:

- **Completion of the F&R Application packet (if applicable)**
- **Completion of the online application (SFA and Sites)**
- **Submission of all required documents.**

Many Child Nutrition Sponsors started school prior to the **July 16** deadline, so the previous announcement, which included a statement about completing the process 2 weeks prior to the opening of school, was intended for those sponsors starting school prior to July 16. We apologize for the confusion.

If anyone has not started the process, please contact your Regional Consultant immediately.

SP-10-2012 - Questions & Answers on the Final Rule, “Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs”

The Question & Answers on the final rule the Nutrition Standards Final Rule have been updated. Please carefully review the attached Policy Memo as some of the questions and answers have been revised and new questions have been added. Should you have any questions, please contact your Regional Consultant. The Q&As and other materials related to the new meal requirements will be available on a special webpage on the FNS website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.

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SP-36-2012 – Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs

FNS has issued new guidance on crediting of fruit smoothies served in the school meals programs. Please review this memo for guidance and direct any question to your Regional Consultant.

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SP-37-2012 – Separation of Vegetables and Fruits in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs

The USDA *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* has been revised to address the new meal pattern requirements for the separation of vegetables and fruits components in the school meal programs. In addition, the revised vegetable subsection labels each vegetable with its appropriate vegetable subgroup (red/orange, dark green, beans & peas, starchy, or other) to assist school food authorities with meeting the new meal pattern. The revised Vegetables and Fruits Section of the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* can be accessed online: <http://www.teamnutrition.usda.gov/resources/foodbuyingguide.html>. Please contact your Regional Consultant should there be questions or need for assistance.

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Grant Opportunity – Fuel Up to Play Breakfast Grants

General Mills Foodservice and the National Dairy Council have announced a grants program designed to help school nutrition operations expand school breakfast. The grants are designed to increase student participation by serving breakfast outside the cafeteria in creative ways.

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available to schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 that are starting a new breakfast program or improving an existing one. Schools and districts starting or improving upon breakfast in the classroom, grab ‘n’ go breakfast, second chance breakfast or another innovative method of serving school breakfast to more students are welcome to apply.

To apply and for more information, visit <http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/Fuel-Up-Breakfast-Grants.php>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2012**.

Source: School Nutrition Association website (<http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Blog.aspx?id=17358&blogid=622>)

What's New on the Web?

- **TRANSPORTED MEALS (Meal Production Records)**

URL: (http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/menu-planning-production/meal-production-records/copy_of_meal-production-records)

- **PROCUREMENT (New Page)**

URL: <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/information-resources/procurement>

Training, Webinars, Workshops

Training/Workshop Title:	Determining Eligibility (Webinar)
Date, Location, Time:	July 20, 2012 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
Instructor(s):	SarAnn Suttles, NCDPI Child Nutrition Consultant, Region 7
Who Should Attend:	Child Nutrition Administrators that would like information and instruction on processing Free & Reduced School Meal Applications to determine student eligibility.
Registration Information:	To register online: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/532762376

Training/Workshop Title:	Procurement Basics (invitation attached)
Date, Location, Time:	July 31, 2012 at Hickory Metro Center, Hickory, NC (9:00 – 2:30 pm) August 2, 2012 at McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC (9:00 – 2:30 pm)
Instructor(s):	Cindy Hobbs, Child Nutrition Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Training/Workshop Description:	It is intended to help participants understand the regulatory requirements and the basics of conducting an open and fair competitive procurement.
Who Should Attend:	The training is designed to help personnel that are responsible for local Child Nutrition procurement activities and decisions.
Number of seats/openings:	40 spaces per site
Registration Information:	Please complete the electronic registration form by going to the link below: https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearch.do?method=searchPAOnly&programAreaId=54369&showInternal=true

Weekly Q&A

QUESTION

How is the grain component contribution affected by battered and breaded products?

ANSWER

For the 2012-2013 school year, counting the battered and/or breaded products offered toward the maximum weekly grain requirements in the meal pattern is optional. It is up to the menu planner to decide whether or not to count the batter or breading to meet the minimum grain requirements. All grain components counted towards the meal pattern must be indicated on the recipes and on the daily production record. Beginning July 1, 2013 (SY 2013-2014), all grains which are part of battered and/or breaded products offered must be counted toward the weekly grain requirement.

Mark Your Calendar

July 15-18 SNA Annual National Conference (Denver, CO)
July 16 Deadline for Submission of 2012-13 Agreement Renewal
July 20 Meal Participation Data Report Due
August 10 (Friday) Monthly Claim for Reimbursement due
September 10 (Monday) Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due
**September 15 (Saturday) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due

Training

July 20 Determining Eligibility (webinar)
July 31 Procurement Basics Workshop (Hickory, NC)
August 2 Procurement Basics Workshop (Raleigh, NC)
August 7 (webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part I
August 8 (webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part II
August 14 (webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part I
August 15 (webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part II

**** REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10th falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. With that said, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any reimbursement submitted after the 10th with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15th of each month.

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